

The 51st, 119th, 340th and 391st District Courts

Coke, Concho, Irion, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling and Tom Green Counties, State of Texas

March 15, 2020

STATEMENT REGARDING PERIODS OF POSSESSION AND ACCESS UNDER THE TEXAS FAMILY CODE

Due to the extraordinary situation presented by Coronavirus (COVID-19) concerns, questions and confusion have arisen regarding the interpretation of periods of possession/visitation in both Final Orders and Temporary Orders rendered out of the above-noted Courts. For that reason, these Courts now issue this statement of clarification:

For purposes of all orders issued out of the above-noted Courts, the Spring Break Vacation period ends at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 15, 2020. Any decision by any school or school district to delay resumption of classes (whether characterized as a "closure," an "extended delay," an "extended Spring Break," or an extended "vacation") is considered to be a closure for public health purposes, and not an extension of a vacation period.

As always, the parties to a case may agree to alter the period of possession and access. If the parties agree to do so, the Courts would urge the parties to set out the terms of their agreement in writing and have it signed by all parties.

Carmen S. Dusek, District Judge 51st Judicial District Ben Woodward, District Judge 119th Judicial District

Jay Weatherby, District Judge 340th Judicial District

Brad Goodwin, District Judge 391st Judicial District